

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Previously Presented) Colloidal silica having a cocoon shape and prepared by hydrolyzing an alkoxysilane condensate in the presence of an ammonia or ammonium salt catalyst.
3. (Previously Presented) Colloidal silica having a cocoon shape and prepared by further heating under pressure a colloidal silica prepared by hydrolyzing an alkoxysilane condensate in the presence of an ammonia or ammonium salt catalyst.
4. (Previously Presented) The colloidal silica as set forth in claim 3, wherein the temperature to which said colloidal silica is heated under pressure is 105 to 374.1 °C.
5. (Previously Presented) The colloidal silica as set forth in claim 2 or 3, wherein said alkoxysilane condensate has an average degree of condensation of 2 to 8.
6. (Previously Presented) Polishing abrasive particles comprising the colloidal silica having a cocoon shape as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 3.
7. (Previously Presented) A process for the manufacture of colloidal silica having a cocoon shape, the process comprising adding continuously an alkoxysilane condensate or its solution in an aqueous solvent to an aqueous solution of ammonia or an ammonium salt or to an aqueous solution containing ammonia or an ammonium salt and an aqueous solvent, thereby hydrolyzing the alkoxysilane.

8. (Previously Presented) A process for the manufacture of colloidal silica having a cocoon shape, the process comprising adding continuously an alkoxysilane condensate or its solution in an aqueous solvent to an aqueous solution of ammonia or an ammonium salt or to an aqueous solution containing ammonia or an ammonium salt and an aqueous solvent, thereby hydrolyzing the alkoxysilane; and further heating under pressure.

9. (Previously Presented) The process for the manufacture of colloidal silica having a cocoon shape as set forth in claim 8, wherein the temperature to which said alkoxysilane condensate hydrolyzate is heated under pressure is 105 to 374.1°C.

10. (Previously Presented) The process for the manufacture of colloidal silica having a cocoon shape as set forth in claims 7 or 8, wherein said alkoxysilane condensate has an average degree of condensation of 2 to 8.